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TAGS: US, JA, KS, UR, EAIR

SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRCRAFT: RECOVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT.

REF: (A) STATE 106562, (B) MOSCOW 9046

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT RECOVERY OF THE KAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH PURELY COMMERCIAL CHANNELS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY AS INTERESTS OF THE ROKG ITSELF DO NOT APPEAR TO BE AN ISSUE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ITS ROLE IN THE MATTER SHOULD BE AT MOST AN INFORMAL APPROACH TO MFA CONCERNING PERMISSION FOR THE BOEING SURVEY TEAM TO EXAMINE THE AIRCRAFT, SHOULD IT BE DECIDED THAT THIS IS DESIRABLE. WE COULD BASE THE APPROACH ON THE FACT THAT BOEING, AS MANUFACTURER OF AIRCRAFT, IS INTERESTED IN DETERMINING WHETHER FAULTY EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR NAVIGATIONAL ERROR. GIVEN THE HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE MURMANSK-KEM AREA, HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT THE SOVIETS WILL PERMIT VISIT OF SURVEY TEAM.

2. SHOULD KAL DECIDE NOT TO SEEK RETURN OF THE AIRCRAFT

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AND INSTEAD SETTLE FOR THE INSURANCE, EMBASSY THINKS THAT MATTER SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY. AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT THAT SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR SALVAGING FOR THE SAME REASONS MENTIONED IN PARA ONE, THOUGH THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE SALVAGE THEMSELVES FOR A FEE. TOON

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